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but the Texan Says the
Race Track Suits.

RENO WANTS SHARKEY AND MAHER

Rival Nevada Town Endeavoring to
Arrange a "Mill" to Take Place
the Day Before the Corbett-
Fitzsimmons Affair.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 12.—Dan Stuart was up bright and early this morning. He took a walk around the suburbs of Carson and afterward went over the ground again in a buggy, accompanied by A. Livingston. Some of the landholders around here had an idea that Stuart was trying to locate a suitable lot on which to erect his pugilistic pavilion. He was approached by men with options, and was offered the sites in various parts of the city at prices which suggests that the present proprietors consider that the fight boon has given values an impetus. Stuart entered into the spirit of the thing for a while, but at last found it becoming monotonous and announced that he was not purchasing lots.

He made it known that the arena would be erected in the center of the infield at the race track. Stuart told me that his plans for seating the crowd, particulars of which were wired to the Journal yesterday, might be altered somewhat, but the general arrangements would remain about the same.

No Barbed Wire, Maybe.
"I have been over the ground this morning," said Stuart, "and I don't think it would be necessary for me to have that barbed wire fence that I mentioned. We will have the big wooden fence that surrounds the race track and two other fences inside of that again, and it seems to me that the barbed wire precaution will not be necessary. Of course I will have the riders and a large force of guards to protect the arena."

The whole of the seating arrangements will be of the most substantial kind. I will have them so with an eye to other contests that may take place in the future. Lumber is not the cheapest kind of commodity around here, and if I decide to build a permanent arena the seats I don't think I can afford to be cheap.

Headquarters for the Promoter.
Stuart says that the diagram of the seating arrangements will be prepared by Tuesday, and will be on view at headquarters which he will open next to the Bullion and Exchange Bank.

Applications for front seats are pouring in. Gray, of the bureau of information, being authority for the statement that 10,000 of the choicest locations have been

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bespoken. Billy Woods, of Corbett's training staff, and A. G. Cooke, the advance agent, came up from Reno today. The champion's trunks were brought here and forwarded to Shaw's Springs, where he is to train.

The trains have been busy all day carrying lumber for Corbett's handball court, and to-morrow the carpenters will begin work on the structure.

Superintendent Jaynes, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, arrived this morning. He brought a couple of operators with him and stated that the force would be increased to twenty before the date of the contest. A number of linemen were out to work this morning stringing wires from the Reno end, and to-morrow a gang will be put to work here. In all eight additional wires will be stretched.

Stuart to Get One License.

Stuart will apply for the license for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons contest in accordance with the provisions of the Garrard bill. He will be handed a piece of paper bearing the signatures of the County Clerk, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff, and it will cost him just \$1,000.

The fact that he is making no other investments in that line proves that he had not settled in his own mind whether or not he will have a carnival of more than one day's duration. He says that he would like very much to match George Green, of San Francisco, with some other talented welter weight, but he cannot think of any one who is likely to hold his own with the San Francisco man.

Reno's Fighting Scheme.

Stuart's offer of a \$5,000 purse for Maher and Sharkey still remains open and according to all accounts the figure is not likely to be increased. It is known that some Eastern speculators are keeping the wires

between Pittsburg and Reno whirling, the object being to arrange a fight carnival to take place on the days immediately preceding the big event in Carson.

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"I AM FITZSIMMONS'S SUPERIOR."

Corbett Tells His Friends Through the Journal of
His Present Condition, and Is Con-
fident of Winning.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.

To the Editor of the Journal:

After being on the train since last Saturday night, I arrived here this morning a bit tired from the journey, but after having a good night's sleep I expect to feel much more improved. I know that a great many of my friends would like to know my condition physically at present. No doubt the rumors that have been floating around the country about my going back, and my contest with Sharkey, has made a great many people think that I am not the Corbett that fought Jackson and Sullivan.

There is no doubt in the world that I did not train hard enough for my contest with Sharkey, and that was because I held him a little too cheap. Since the night I fought Sharkey I have been taking the very best of care of myself, and have kept on improving every day up to the present time, and I take this opportunity, through the Journal, to tell my friends and admirers in New York that I am in first-class condition at this present moment. All I need is a few weeks of work out in the open air, and I expect to be in as good, if not better, condition when I meet Fitzsimmons as I ever was in my life.

I have been training the last four months in the different cities I have showed, and I shall keep it up to the time I enter the ring. I am as anxious to fight Fitzsimmons as the public are to have us meet. We have been wrangling for the last three years, but this time I think Fitzsimmons will be there at the appointed time, and as I have never failed to be there when the gong sounded, I fail to see any chance of the contest not coming off.

Of course, when two pugilists enter into a contest of this kind they both must have more or less confidence. Now, my confidence is the result of a careful study of Fitzsimmons and his fighting methods. There is no doubt in the world that he is a dangerous opponent and hits hard with both hands, but as I have fought men who, in my opinion, were as good as Fitzsimmons, I have come to the conclusion that I am his superior, and nothing on this earth can change my mind but Robert Fitzsimmons, himself on the 17th of next March.

JAMES J. CORBETT.

LINCOLN'S DAY HAD MANY BANQUETS.

Chief Celebration with Ora-
tory Was at the Repub-
lican Club Dinner.

HELD IN THE WALDORF.

Four Hundred Guests Were Seat-
ed in the Ball Room Where
the Martins Dined.

The chief celebration of Lincoln's Birthday in this city, so far as speech-making was concerned, took place at the Waldorf Hotel last evening, where the eleventh annual dinner of the Republican Club was given. The new ballroom was the scene of the banquet, which, in point of number of guests, was the greatest ever given by the club. Exclusive of the gentlemen at the table of honor, there were 307 other guests, who drank to the memory of Lincoln, and noisily cheered for the principles of the Republican party.

Some of the Out-of-Town Guests.

To the right of President Arthur Merriam were Senator Grella H. Pratt, of Connecticut; James H. Hoyt, of Cleveland; ex-Governor Levi E. Morton, Mayor William L. Strong and Rev. Edwin C. Bolles, D. D., while on the left were President; Dr. Arthur W. Stryker, of Hamilton College; Governor Urban A. Woodbury, of Vermont; Judge William Wirt Howe, Judge Pardon C. Williams and Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur.

In the gallery Neyer's Seventh Regiment band played, confining itself almost exclusively to patriotic airs. To the guests were given souvenirs in the form of volumes, handsomely bound in white and gold, containing one of Lincoln's speeches—the speech delivered at the Republican State convention at Bloomington, Ill., on May 29, 1856, in which he predicted the war.

It was nearly 10 o'clock before the speaking began. The toasts were as follows:

"Lincoln"—President Stryker, of Hamilton College.
"The Republican Party"—Senator O. H. Platt, of Connecticut.
"Republicanism in New England"—Governor U. A. Woodbury, of Vermont.

The banquet was a success in every particular. The hall was brilliantly lighted, and the music was excellent. The guests were well served, and the evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner.

Proposed Arena at Carson.

The club has, perhaps, entertained at its banquets in the past guests of greater national prominence, but never before, certainly, has there been so much enthusiasm. Flashed with the victory of last November, the banqueters were in the highest spirits. The apartment in which the banquet was given was fortunate in possessing much of the splendor of the Bradley Martin ball, for the floral decorations still clung to the white walls. Flags, together with the shields of the various States of the Union, surrounded greenling plants, while back of

"Republican Principles in Southern States"—Judge W. W. Howe.
"A Change of Base, but Not of Flag"—James H. Hoyt.
"Foes of '97"—Rev. E. C. Bolles, D. D.
"City of New York"—Albert W. Lightbourn.

"FITZ'S CHANGES ARE THREE TO ONE."

Lanky Bob's Manager Says His Confidence Is Increasing Daily and That He Is in Condition to Fight Now.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 12.—Martin Julian arrived in Omaha this afternoon with the Fitzsimmons party. Lanky Bob's manager said: "Fitz is keeping up his exercise daily, and is neglecting nothing to insure perfect condition. Since the journey began Fitz has given most of his time up to sleeping and exercising in the car. Not an hour passes during the day that he is not working with a single eye to the approaching fight, and his confidence, as well as mine, is growing daily that his chances of beating Corbett are three to one, betting value. Fitz has shown exceptionally well."

"He takes naturally to high altitudes, and I think he can get his wind into normal condition by ten days' proper outdoor exercise. Just look at him! He's as fit as a king right this minute, and while he hasn't an ounce of extra fat on him anywhere, he weighs 177 pounds, more than he ever did before after having undergone any sort of preparatory work. It seems that everything is coming our way at last, and we intend to make all the hay possible while the sun shines."

Roebor, the wrestler, will go through a systematic course of clinching and breaking away with Fitz daily from now on to the day of the fight, and from what was gathered from Julian's talk on this line it would seem that the lanky fellow is counting on a good deal of hugging in the coming contest. Roebor is a powerful German, short and thick set, but as quick and active as a cat. He is anxious to have Stuart add a wrestling match to his match carnival, and said he would like to measure skill with Dan McLeod or Farmer Burns.

"Bob and Roebor and Hickey," said Martin, "will stop off at Pueblo and give an exhibition, but I will go right on through without a halt until I reach Carson. I have an old friend out in White Peak who has been in Carson for a week or more, and he telegraphs me that he has a daisy training place, so I will make a short hour's walk from the city."

STORM SPOILED THE DAY.

Out of Door Sports Were Abandoned, But
There Were Many Banquets and
Much Patriotism.

Now and then, through the blinding clouds of snow and sleet, could be seen yesterday the flags of the Republic fluttering from many buildings. The flags, torn and tattered by the fierce winds from the north, signified that the Nation was paying its tribute to one of its greatest heroes—Abraham Lincoln. It was the first time that the entire State of New York had united in this tribute. Last year the birthday of Lincoln was partially observed, but many courts and public buildings were open, and there was an especially noticeable occasion of the affairs of commerce.

It was different yesterday. The exchanges and banks were closed and courtrooms were locked.

The storm not only interfered with decorations, but also caused the abandonment of many outdoor sports and exercises. Only school children possessed of sturdy constitutions and belatedly got much outdoor fun from Lincoln's birthday. A holiday in New York, no matter what it may commemorate, is popularly taken to mean a day of festivity, and there were a number of balls and banquets last night.

The New York Alumni Association of the University of Vermont, selected the occasion for its annual dinner, which was held at the Hotel Manhattan. The Rev. Dr. Lewis Francis, of the Kent Street Reformed Church, Brooklyn, presided.

Before the Union League Club, of Brooklyn, General Horace Porter delivered an address on Lincoln, while in Jersey City the Lincoln Association gave a dinner at which Vice-President-elect Hobart was to have been the guest of honor, but at the last moment he failed them. Senator Callahan, of Illinois, was the chief guest at a banquet of the Lincoln Club of Newark.

Victor de Montague, Esq., gave a military dinner at the Hotel Normandie, and Commissioner Frederick D. Grant spoke before the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, at No. 226 West Fifty-eighth street.

The Taunton organization of the Twenty-third District observed the day, and an address was delivered by State Senator Thomas P. Grady. Memorial services in honor of Lincoln were held in the evening in the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, in One Hundred and Eleventh street, under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. The People's Club held a Lincoln banquet at the Restaurant Floquet, and during the afternoon the young ladies of the Normal College listened to addresses on the martyred President.

One of the most interesting events of the day was the hoisting of the national flag at the Battery in the morning. While the snow was falling fast, Christopher R. Forbes, the great-grandson of George Washington, assisted one of the captains of Major Andre, climbed the lofty flagstaff and unfurled the Stars and Stripes, to the cheers of many veterans who were present.

The Day in Albany.

Albany, Feb. 12.—The first observance of Lincoln's Birthday was not general, only the departments of the Secretary of State, the Controller and the Treasurer, with one or two others of less importance, having closed in honor of the day. Governor Black was at his desk in the Executive Chamber as usual and received a large number of callers. Several of the departments were closed after 12 o'clock noon.

Baltimore's Homage to Lincoln.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—The Young Men's Republican Club banquet at the Hotel Remont to-night was the principal Lincoln Birthday celebration in this city. A number of well-known men, Senators, Representatives and others were among the guests. The principal toast of the evening, "Abraham Lincoln," was responded to by Congressman Taylor, of Ohio.

The Archbishop Honors Lincoln.

Archbishop Corrigan presided last evening at a meeting in the Catholic Club in commemoration of the day. The principal orator was the Rev. Michael Clune, of Syracuse, and Judge Joseph E. V. also spoke eloquently of the martyred President.

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